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TO: CHIEF, INSPECTION AND SECURITY
Attn: Colonel Sheffield Edwards

FROM: Chief, [redacted] G

SUBJECT: Priority Requirement for the use of Drug-Induced Hypnosis Interrogation Technique in [redacted]

A 1. [redacted] has advised us that a large number of [redacted] are in the process of being repatriated to [redacted] from the USSR, where they have been interned since their capture by the Red Army in 1945. These [redacted] will be available within the very near future for intensive interrogation. In view of [redacted] and the length of time they have been interned, as well as known Soviet indoctrination of other [redacted] it is believed that without question they have been given the maximum amount of Soviet Communist indoctrination and that at least a portion of them have been recruited as Communist and Soviet espionage agents.

A 2. [redacted] has pointed out that this may represent an extremely valuable and unique opportunity whereby tremendously valuable results might be obtained by the use of the interrogation techniques involving drug-induced hypnosis. It is felt that this represents a definite priority and that all possible effort should be undertaken to have appropriate [redacted] from this group completely and fully interrogated with the use of these techniques. We are in a position to arrange such interrogations in [redacted] securely and effectively.

Action: It will be appreciated if you will advise me whether appropriate IAS personnel can be made available to proceed to [redacted] on a TDY basis for the purpose of assisting in conducting such interrogations. Your concurrence in this is strongly recommended and, if you concur, [redacted] will immediately arrange for the selection of [redacted] for such interrogation on the basis of their personal history, background, and the reports of their initial interrogation by CIC in [redacted] It would be appreciated also if you will advise us of your decision in this matter as soon as possible.

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